

## HUN GOVERNMENT OWNS N. Y. DAILY MAIL CHARGE AS PUBLISHED ARRESTED

### MORE THAN SEVEN MONTHS OF SECRET WORK BY OFFICIALS LEADS TO SENSATION IN GOTHAM

Washington, July 9.—More than seven months' work, involving activities of the department of justice and secret service, as well as the efforts of New York state authorities, preceded the arrest of Dr. E. A. Rumley, of the New York Mail Publishing Company.

Assistant Attorney General O'Bryan said today the inquiry was far from closed and intimated that further arrests were to be expected. He would not discuss charges that might be made in addition to that of perjury now pending against Dr. Rumley.

Mr. O'Bryan said the department was entirely satisfied that the Mail corporation was owned chiefly by the imperial German government, and that proceedings would follow under the federal statutes as far as the facts allowed.

American creditors of the Mail will receive first consideration in the administration of the property by the alien property custodian. After the bondholders are satisfied, any remaining equity of the imperial German government in the property will be taken over, according to law.

Plans for maintaining the paper as a going concern were being worked out, when the arrest of Dr. Rumley, which alien property officials say was unexpected by them, interrupted.

Several attempts are said to have been made to sell the property since the United States declared war against Germany. One of the men whom it was sought to interest, is a citizen of Waco, Texas.

New York, July 9.—Through the checking of financial transactions, international in scope, by which it is alleged the New York Evening Mail became the property of the imperial German government, state and federal authorities caused the arrest yesterday of Dr. Edward A. Rumley. Bail was fixed at \$35,000 when Doctor Rumley was arraigned today on a perjury charge.

Instead of being American owned, as Doctor Rumley who is vice-president, secretary and publisher of the Evening Mail, is alleged to have stated to A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, the Mail in fact, according to Merton E. Lewis, state attorney general, and Harold Harper, assistant United States district attorney, is owned by the imperial German government.

The arrest of Doctor Rumley, which caused a sensation in newspaper circles here, followed several weeks of investigation covering the financial transaction for the purchase of the Evening Mail.

The first suspicion that German money paid for the Mail, it is said, came through an examination by federal authorities of the books of Hugo Schmidt, the German fiscal agent in this country.

The money, amounting to \$1,361,000, used in this transaction, which Attorney General Lewis said has been carefully traced and checked up, was obtained in this country through the sale of German war loans.

Henry L. Stoddard, president of the Mail and Express Company, announced that the bondholders would take charge of the paper.

**Arrested After Investigation.**  
Rumley was arrested here yesterday after a lengthy investigation arising out of an examination of records seized in this country from Hugo Schmidt, who was Germany's fiscal agent in America. Rumley had sworn to A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, that the Mail was American owned, whereas inquiry by federal and state officials has disclosed, according to the investigators, that German money purchased the newspaper and paid for its publication.

Doctor Rumley, when brought to the federal building from the Tombs prison, objected through his counsel, Frederick J. Powell, to the higher amount of bail asked by Harold Harper, federal assistant district attorney.

During the period of investigation, counsel said, Doctor Rumley supplied government agents with all the information in his possession placing copies of all his papers before the investigators and otherwise co-operating.

After consultation with Doctor Rumley's attorney, Attorney Har-

per informed Commissioner Hitchcock he had no desire to demand bail which the defendant would be unable to furnish and consented to the smaller bond.

**Educated in Germany.**

Doctor Rumley was a former educator before he purchased the Mail. As a manufacturer he did much to develop the mechanical tractor as a substitute for horse power in ploughing.

Doctor Rumley was born in Laporte, Ind., 36 years ago, and was educated at Notre Dame University. He went to Germany to study at Heidelberg in 1906. The University of Freiburg gave him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He has written several books on education, among them "To Teach Boys to Live." With W. L. Ellis, he is the author of "Power and Plow."

**Rumley Denies Charge.**

While waiting for his bail to be furnished, Dr. Rumley made a statement to newspaper men in which he asserted that the Mail's editorial policies, controlled wholly by himself, had been squarely behind the government, and that his return made to the enemy property custodian would be found to be truthful in every respect.

Dr. Rumley declined to discuss his associations with former ambassador von Bernstorff and Dr. Heinrich Albert, through whom the Mail is alleged to have been financed, but added he might say something definite in this connection within 24 hours.

## DRIVER'S BAIL FIXED AT \$12,000

### ALLEGED SLAYER OF WYLIE WILLIAMS SECURES LIBERTY.

W. C. Driver, charged with murder, was given a hearing in the district court on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$12,000. He made bond and was released from the county jail yesterday afternoon. His bond is signed by J. M. Arnold, H. H. Deskins, J. S. Albers, John W. Johnson, A. H. Stillwell, Joseph Willford, E. R. Poole and M. E. Gledhill.

Driver is charged with shooting and killing Wylie Williams, two weeks ago, near his home northwest of Springer. He had a preliminary hearing in the county court and was held without bail for trial in the district court.

### Citizens to Aid in Recruiting Machine Gun Company

At a meeting of business men and citizens, held at Convention Hall yesterday afternoon, plans were discussed for the recruiting of the Machine Gun Company of the Third Regiment, National Guard of Oklahoma.

C. O. Bunn, chairman of the meeting, which was attended by nearly a hundred business men, outlined the requirements and asked his audience to aid him in raising the company which must be ready for muster Friday night.

Committees were appointed, one in each ward, to canvass the eligible young men of the city and to solicit their membership in the Machine Gun Company.

## England's Peril From U-Boats Not Recognized Official Says

London, July 9.—The great body of the English nation fails to realize how near England came to irretrievable disaster because of the German U-boats said Frederick George Kellaway, secretary of the minister of munitions, speaking at Midlands today. In discussing the submarine peril, Mr. Kellaway said:

"The U-boat still is one of the greatest perils against which the allies have to fight. Those who suppose we shall ever be

### WEATHER FORECAST

For Ardmore and Vicinity:  
Tonight generally fair; Wednesday fair, somewhat warmer. Same forecast for state.

**Local Temperature.**  
Maximum temperature yesterday, 102 degrees; minimum last night, 69.

## FITTING TRIBUTE PAID AVIATORS

### BODIES OF LIEUT. SULLIVAN AND SERGT. DOYLE AFFORDED MILITARY ESCORT.

Ardmore paid fitting tribute to the memory of Lieut. Edward B. Sullivan and Sergt. Edward Doyle, of the air service, who were killed in an airplane accident at Electric Park Sunday afternoon. Sunday night a guard of honor was posted over the remains and yesterday afternoon the body of Lieutenant Sullivan, when forwarded to his former home at Gainesville, Texas, was escorted to the Santa Fe Rock Island Union station by a platoon of the Carter County Home Guard under command of Lieut. Otis M. Smith. The casket, draped with a flag, was placed on board the 4:42 p. m. southbound Santa Fe train and as the train was pulling out of the station the guardsmen stood at salute in respect to the soldier dead.

This afternoon representatives of the Full Manpower of Ardmore, assembled at the Brown & Bridge-man movie, West Main and C streets, and escorted the remains of Sergt. Edward Doyle to the station. In charge of Sergt. W. S. Rexroat, of the air service, Barron Field, the remains were forwarded to Maumee, Ohio, on instructions from Sergeant Doyle's mother. A sister of Sergeant Doyle, Mrs. W. C. Rayan, who resides at Maumee will receive the remains and interment will be made at that place.

Just before 3 o'clock this afternoon the bell on the City Hall was tolled for ten minutes in respect for Sergeant Doyle. Flags over the city were displayed at half mast and the citizens generally paused to pay respect to the memory of the aviator. A large crowd was at the station and the usual form of salute was given as the train departed. A flag which had been delivered yesterday afternoon, by an aviator from Barron Field, was draped over the casket.

The Carter county council of defense, by telegraph, ordered a wreath of flowers delivered at the funeral of Lieutenant Sullivan, and also made provision for a similar floral offering at the funeral of Sergeant Doyle.

Doyle was, according to Sergeant Rexroat, one of the most popular men in the air service at Barron Field. He was a man of exceptional ability and was ambitious. Although he had been in the service only six months he was head mechanic at the field and saw to it that the machines were in perfect order before going into the air. No machine in his charge had ever met with a serious accident.

On Saturday of last week Sergeant Doyle made an application for a furlough, in order that he might visit his invalid mother at Grand Rapids, Mich. His comrades are much touched with the circumstances surrounding his "return home." Sergeant Doyle, prior to his enlistment, was employed in the factory of the Overland Motor Company.

## FRENCH STRIKE TERRIFIC BLOW

LATINS SMASH IN MILE AT  
SOME POINTS ON 2 1/2  
MILE FRONT.

### 450 PRISONERS TAKEN

Huns Deliver Counter Attack but are Repulsed. Action Comes at Same Point Where Enemy Was Blocked Month Ago.

(By the Associated Press)  
French troops hit the German lines a smashing blow early this morning in the area almost directly north of Paris where the Germans were stopped after five days of fighting in their thrust toward the capital in the last and least successful of all their 1918 offensives about a month ago.

The attack was delivered on a 2 1/2 mile front and at some points General Petains' troops pushed into enemy positions for the distance of a mile. Two farms were captured and a counter attack which was delivered against one of them was repulsed. Some 450 prisoners were taken.

### South of Matz River.

The area chosen for the blow was just south of the Matz river region northwest of the Compiegne forest, on the front between Montdidier and the Oise. The point of the German wedge projected here in the neighborhood of Antheuil, and it was just to the west of this town, astride of the Compiegne road that the French drove in, taking valuable high ground on both sides of the highway.

The attacking forces were assisted by tanks in their drive. Apparently all the terrain gained has been maintained intact.

The new advance will serve still further to protect the important railway junction of Estrees-St. Denis, which lies seven miles southwest of Antheuil.

### Gain Other Ground.

Further to the southeast along the line the French gained additional ground on the Marne front, east of the Retz forest, by forcing the Germans back further in the vicinity of the Chavigny farm.

On the British front there were only raiding operations. The Germans, however, apparently are contemplating a further effort to regain the positions recently taken by the Australians with American assistance, in the Amiens area south of the Somme. The German guns last night were actively bombarding the British lines in this region.

The French war office reports considerable artillery activity to the west and north of Chateau Thierry on the Marne front. It is in this sector that the Americans on this front are holding several miles of the line.

## AMBASSADOR FRANCIS CONFIRMS ASSASSINATION OF HUN AMBASSADOR

Washington, July 9.—Ambassador Francis at Volodga, in a message dated July 7, sending the first word received from him by the state department since June 24, has confirmed the report of the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador at Moscow.

The killing occurred at 3 p. m. July 6, and latest reports reaching the ambassador said fighting was progressing in the streets of Moscow, wireless messages to the Soviet government told of the capture of several prominent bolshevik officials by revolutionaries and of the arrest of revolutionary leaders by bolshevik forces.

Similar information reached the department from The Associated Press representative at Volodga, who said there was street fighting both at Moscow and Jaroslavl.

The message of both Ambassador Francis and The Associated Press correspondent were sent to the American consul at Archangel, and there relayed. They brought relief to officials who had feared the Germans had succeeded in completely cutting off the ambassador's communications with the outside world.

### WOOD MERCHANTS EVADE TAXES

Boston, July 9.—William A. English and John H. O'Brien, members of the firm of English & O'Brien, Boston wool merchants, were arrested today on a federal indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government of income taxes. The indictment alleged that the shortage through improper accounting amounted to \$250,000. Both pleaded not guilty and were held in bonds of \$25,000 each. Federal officials said it was the first case of the kind to be brought to the attention of the grand jury.

## Probably 100 Perish As Six Passenger Coaches Demolished In Wreck

### Most of the Victims Negroes-- Crash Comes 7 Miles From Nashville

#### BULLETIN 2:05 P. M.

Nashville, Tenn., July 9. — One hundred persons, most of them Negroes, are believed to have lost their lives in a head-on collision early today between two passenger trains on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, seven miles west of Nashville.

It was estimated that more than 80 persons were injured.

Between 20 and 25 of those reported killed were white persons.

#### First Early Report.

Nashville, Tenn., July 9. — Six coaches, crowded with passengers, were demolished with a casualty list which some estimates place as high as 35 dead and 75 injured, when two passenger trains of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad collided at Belle Meade Park, a suburb of Nashville, this morning.

The majority of those killed and injured were negroes.

Sleeping cars attached to the trains escaped serious damage. One of the trains, which met head-on, was eastbound from St. Louis and Memphis, while the other was en route from Nashville to Memphis.

At noon the cause of the accident has not been established. No official statement as to the number killed or injured was available at that hour.

The railroad rushed relief trains to the scene of the wreck and in a short time hundreds of men, in-

cluding uninjured passengers, were working to rescue the victims.

Most of the dead, it is believed, are negroes. At 10 o'clock about 40 injured had reached the city hospitals and several of the number had died. Engineer Dave Kennedy, of No. 1, was found under a boiler. He cannot recover, it is thought. Two Pullman coaches escaped serious damage.

The entire crew of No. 4 was killed.

Mrs. John W. Thomas, widow of the late John W. Thomas, president of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, arrived on the scene as soon as the news of the wreck reached here. She brought bandages and worked heroically with the injured. Many young women assisted her in the work.

Both engines, three baggage cars and six passenger coaches were demolished by the impact of the collision. Fire starting from the boilers consumed two coaches.

The passengers aboard the demolished coaches included 200 negroes en route from Memphis to this city to work in the powder plant here.

Lieut. Don Long, of the United States aviation service, is among the injured. His body was badly crushed. Long's home is in this city. R. A. Davis, of Hickman, Ky., suffered internal injuries.

Eighty-one persons had been taken to hospitals here at noon. A number of these were only slightly injured.

### WIRE BULLETINS

New York, July 9.—An appeal to the nation by Cardinals Gibbons, Farley and O'Connell to pray for the success of American arms, was made public here last night. The appeal was entitled "fight and pray."

Washington, July 9.—An additional credit of \$10,000,000 was granted Italy today by the treasury department making a total of \$660,000,000 for Italy and of \$6,091,590,000 loaned to the allies to date.

Pekin, Ill., July 9.—Residents of Pekin continued today to perform their sad task of burying the victims of the steamer Columbia disaster. Twenty-two funerals were arranged for the day. The first was held at 8 o'clock and until night little corteges wended their way to Lakeside cemetery. At each funeral five automobiles tendered by Pekin car owners carried sorrowing relatives while two Red Cross workers went on hand to lend comfort and aid.

Chicago, July 9.—Lieut. Robert E. Lee, grandson of the famous Confederate general, has been cited for the Cross de Guerre, according to a letter just received from him by his wife. It is assumed that the citation was for an exploit several weeks ago in which the lieutenant and his company captured a machine gun, the lieutenant being wounded. Lieutenant Lee is a lawyer. He earned his commission at the first officers' school at Fort Sheridan.

### HUN DOCTOR DRAGS HENRY FORD'S NAME INTO HIS DEFENSE

New York, July 9.—The assertion that Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, said in substance on learning of the sinking of the Lusitania, that passengers sailing on the vessel "were fools, as they were warned," was contained in an answer filed here yesterday by Dr. Johannes Herman Martin Augustus von Tilling, of Poughkeepsie, in the suit brought by the government on the ground that he had obtained them by fraud.

Denying the charge that he never intended to renounce his allegiance to the German emperor, or that he ever contended that the sinking of the Lusitania was justified, Dr. von Tilling asserted that he repeated only in private Mr. Ford's alleged comment on the sinking.

This comment, he said, was made in his office, after he received the news by telephone, and repeated it to Mr. Ford and John Burroughs, the naturalist, both of whom, he claimed, were his patients.

## FIVE ARKANSAS WOMEN MAY BE ARRESTED IN RAID

WILL PROBABLY CAUSE BATTLE BETWEEN MEN FUGITIVES AND OFFICERS.

### ARE LOCATED IN HILLS

Females Are Now in House Ten Miles From Nearest Town, and in Region Made Notorious by Former Lawlessness—May Declare Martial Law.

Little Rock, Ark., July 9.—Probable arrest of five women, alleged harborers of draft resisters in Cleburne county, was expected to precipitate a battle between the resisters and possemen, including state guardsmen and selectives sent out from Heber Springs.

The women are in a house ten miles from the nearest towns and in hills called the Infamous Alps, a name attached because of the lawlessness which has reigned in the vicinity for years.

A country doctor who is said to have dressed wounds of Tom Atkinson, alleged to be one of the gang leaders, also was to be taken if found.

Six suspects are being held under heavy guard at Heber Springs.

Governor C. H. Brough today at noon ordered Col. Leonard Ellis and two other officers of the Fourth Arkansas National Guard at Heber Springs to conduct an investigation as to the advisability of declaring martial law.

## AMERICAN SOCIALISTS IN LONDON TALK

### COMMITTEE GIVES VIEW REGARDING LABOR AND WAR.

London, July (Monday) 8.—Members of the delegation sent to England by the Social Democratic League of America made a statement to the Associated Press today regarding their conferences since their arrival in London last Tuesday with representatives of British labor and socialist organizations.

The committee sent to Europe by the Social Democratic League comprised A. M. Simons of Wisconsin and John Spargo, formerly members of the executive committee of the Socialist party; Louis Kopelin, editor of the New Appeal; Alexander Howat, of Kansas, president of district 14 of the United Mine Workers of America; Chas. Edward Russell, Professor George D. Herron and Frank Bohn.

The committee's statement to the Associated Press says:

"We found intense interest in America's war activity and especially in the war aims of President Wilson, which form the chief topic of discussion in nearly all Socialist bodies. We found eagerness on the part of all those with whom we have talked to know the position of the American Socialists and a realization of the most important, if not decisive part that must be played by American labor in the international labor movement.

"There have been many misunderstandings to clear up, and these are by no means wholly on this side of the Atlantic. Wherever we have stated the extent of America's preparations for war and solidarity of labor's position behind the nation in winning the war, it has been a source of great encouragement. In spite of all the publicity on these subjects the mass of workers seem not to have known of what had really been accomplished.

"Of even greater importance as an element of encouragement to the Socialists and laborers of England is the story of progress which America is making toward democracy during the war. The fact that labor is gaining in influence and improving its condition in the midst of the fighting is looked upon everywhere as the greatest security of America's claim to be fighting for democracy."

### EXPRESS COMPANIES LOSE MONEY, IT IS ALLEGED

Washington, July 9.—Operation of the eight interstate express companies during January, 1918, resulted in a deficit of \$1,637,757, the Interstate Commerce Commission reported today. Only the Southern Express Company made a profit during the month, its operating income being \$89,630. The largest loss was sustained by the American Express Company, \$752,645. Receipts from express charges by all of the companies during the month was \$17,645,000 against \$15,525,000 in the same month in 1917.

## NO SUGAR FAMINE WASHINGTON SAYS

Washington, July 9.—Definite assurances that there is no danger of a sugar famine were given by the food administration today, and the food situation generally was declared to be better than at any time since America undertook the feeding of the allied world.

## CONTRACT FOR 92 ARMY TRANSPORTS

Washington, July 9.—Chairman Hurley after a visit to the White House today, announced that the shipping board has let contracts for 92 army transports. After the war the transports will be put into the passenger carrying trade.

### MARRIED AT FORT WORTH

#### Miss Ethelyn Hill Becomes Bride of Don Lacy, President First National Bank.

Miss Ethelyn Hill, niece of Mrs. Morris Sass, and Don Lacy, president of the First National Bank, were married at 10 o'clock last night at Fort Worth, Texas. The wedding took place in the First Methodist church. The Rev. R. E. L. Morgan, pastor of Broadway Methodist church, Ardmore, performed the ceremony.

Miss Hill, accompanied by her brother, Edwin Hill of Camp Bowie, Mrs. Sass and Henry O. Cherry of Camp Bowie, went to Fort Worth Sunday. Mr. Lacy went yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by his son, Bowden Lacy, and his sister, Mrs. W. A. Colley. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClusky, grandparents of Miss Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cherry also attended the wedding.

### FORMER POSTMASTER AT BROMIDE ARRESTED

Edgar Key, deputy United States marshal, returned last night from Bromide, bringing with him Edgar D. Burgess, whom he arrested there on a warrant based on a grand jury indictment in the United States court at McAlester. Burgess was formerly postmaster at Bromide, and is charged in the indictment with violating the postal laws. His bail was fixed at \$5,000. He was placed in the county jail and if bond is not furnished, will be taken to the federal jail at Muskogee.